

REMARKS

This application has been carefully reviewed in light of the May 10, 2005 Office Action. Claims 9 and 35 are in the application, both of which are independent. Claims 9 and 35 have been amended herein. Reconsideration and further examination are respectfully requested.

Claims 9 and 35 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over U.S. Patent No. 3,648,653 (Vehse) in view of JP 57-95893 (Mada). The rejection is respectfully traversed.

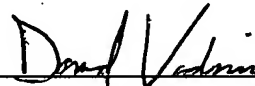
According to one feature of the invention, the plurality of substrates extends outwardly in a common radial direction from the axis of the center of rotation of the crucible. See, for example, the embodiment shown in Fig. 12 of the instant application.

Vehse and Mada, either alone or in combination, are not seen to teach or suggest at least the foregoing feature.

The application is believed to be in condition for allowance, and a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

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Respectfully submitted,

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